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In the Specification:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings, please replace the fourth paragraph, at page 4, line 21, with the following replacement paragraph:

Fig. 3B shows a graphic map of a 92 kb BAC (T5I7) within the contig of Fig. 3A.

Please replace the entire paragraph beginning at page 10, line 13, and continuing through page 11, line 2, with the following replacement paragraph:

Using a mapping population of >400 F3 families derived from a cross between vtc1-1 and the wildtype Ler ecotype, VTC1 was fine-mapped to a position on chromosome 2 to one side of two molecular markers; 0.9 cM from marker m429 and 1.2 cM from marker nga168 (as shown in Figure 3A). Using microsatellite marker 178, which is >1 cM centromeric proximal to nga168, it

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